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- 1. United States Patent No. 6,556,196 B1, dated April 29, 2003 to Blanz et al.;
- 2. Japanese Laid Open Patent Application No. 2000-132675A, dated May 12, 2000;

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- 3. Japanese Laid Open Patent Application No. 2003-233671A, dated August 22, 2003;
- 4. Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-113197, dated April 21, 2000; and
- 5. Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-357221, dated December 26, 2000.

Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited references. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicant is not required to submit a copy of the above-cited U.S. Patent reference. The relevance of above-identified reference nos. 1-3 has been described in the specification.

Reference nos. 4 and 5 were cited in a Search Report dated August 23, 2005 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of above-identified reference nos. 4 and 5 has been described in the Search Report.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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